

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims and new dependent claims 21-24 have been added so that the scope of the original multiple dependent claims has been preserved. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Claims 13 and 14

13. (Amended) The polyamic acid of claim [1, 2 or] 3, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a solvent of N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone having the acid concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.

14. (Amended) The polyimide of claim [4, 5 or] 6, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a mixed solvent of p-chlorophenyl/phenol = 9/1 (by weight) having the polyimide concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.